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Letter dated 29 June 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires, a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated 26 June 1995, from H.E. Mr. Kresimir Zubak, President of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
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Annex

Letter dated 26 June 1995 from the President of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

Please allow me this opportunity, as President of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to express my deepest concern to you about the continuing and evident interference of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in the internal affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as its active participation in the serial aggression against an internationally recognized country and a State Member of the United Nations.

According to reports from the field, news agencies, United Nations military observers as well as European Union observers, Yugoslav authorities have over the past few weeks been transporting troops and delivering military equipment onto the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The statements of Yugoslav military officials lead to the conclusion that these activities are coordinated and conducted in concert with the political authorities in Belgrade.

Allow me to remind you that massive violations of international humanitarian law and of conventions about the status of refugees and displaced persons occur regularly in Yugoslavia, particularly in the context of State-sponsored forced conscription of young male refugees and displaced persons from Bosnia and Herzegovina. The active participation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in and its support of aggression against the sovereign and independent State of Bosnia and Herzegovina is impermissible.

I must insist that the Organization that you are at the head of is obliged consistently to respect its own resolutions decided at the highest levels. Further indolence and ineffective engagement will lead to an escalation of the conflict with crushing consequences for the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as for the credibility of the United Nations as a whole.

As a representative of the legal and legitimate authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina, I request your urgent intervention. Stalling only reduces the possibility for the resumption of the political process in the context of the Contact Group plan and all other peace initiatives of the international community.

We expect your organization consistently to respect all relevant resolutions of the Security Council and to define precisely the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) and the additional rapid reaction force in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Above all, I feel that there is a crucial need to increase pressure on Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), as well as for the strict enforcement of economic sanctions and their eventual tightening in the event of the continuation of such practices.

Kresimir ZUBAK